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of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

With a view to continuing to provide you with information concerning steps taken by the Government of Reconciliation and National Unity of the Republic of Nicaragua to build the interoceanic Grand Canal of Nicaragua, I have the honour to inform you that on 3 July 2012, the National Assembly of Nicaragua adopted Law No. 800, "Law on the legal regime of the Grand Interoceanic Canal of Nicaragua and the establishment of the Grand Interoceanic Canal Authority of Nicaragua", which sets out the guidelines for completing the Grand Canal of Nicaragua and the characteristics, objectives and powers of the Grand Interoceanic Canal Authority of Nicaragua.

As a result of the work carried out by the company HK Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Co. Ltd, in coordination with the Grand Interoceanic Canal Authority of Nicaragua, it has been decided, for technical reasons, that the Grand Canal of Nicaragua will not be built following the route along the San Juan River; instead, another route located in the northern part of the South Atlantic Autonomous Region will be used. The Government of Nicaragua will disclose the precise location of that route at the appropriate time.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 18 (a), 20, 24, 25 (b) and 42.

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